

# Criminal Justice Programs

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services provides resources to advance public policy, enhance public safety, reduce crime and juvenile delinquency, and serve victims in Maryland. Get hands-on experience with criminal justice policy and reform right in the capital of Maryland. Network with stakeholders at the local, state, and federal levels to support professional growth and career interests. Office initiatives include:

### **Public Safety**

To reduce violent crime, the Office focuses on identifying, disrupting, and dismantling gangs and violent criminal networks. These efforts enable state and local agencies to target criminals through shared enforcement, prevention, and intervention strategies. Programs funded through these efforts include the Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network, the Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Advisory Council, and the Public Resource Organizing to End Crime Together program.

#### **Justice Reinvestment**

The Justice Reinvestment Act (JRA) directs reinvestment funding to Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) priorities throughout the State. The JRI is a nationwide data-driven approach to improve public safety, reduce corrections spending, and reinvest savings in strategies and programming that reduce both crime and recidivism. JRI staffs and coordinates the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board, Justice Reinvestment Advisory Board, and the Local Government Justice Reinvestment Commission.

The Office collaborates with the Maryland Opioid Operational Command Center (OOCC), and with criminal justice partners to prevent, treat, and reduce the heroin and opioid abuse in Maryland.

# **Center of Excellence**

The Center of Excellence (COE) supports communities in Maryland to improve the criminal justice responses to, and treatment of, individuals with mental health illness, to reduce the incarceration of individuals with behavioral health needs, and to provide linkages to treatment. The COE coordinates the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program and the Racial Impact Analysis.

## **Police Accountability and Enhancing Community Relations**

The Criminal Justice Programs Division supports law enforcement agencies across the State of Maryland with the development of effective accountability procedures to achieve their goals of lawfulness and legitimacy while enhancing community relations and transparency.

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